

EL CERRITO PLAZA

PLANNING BART is supporting the City of El Cerrito in its effort to design and build a parking garage adjacent to the Ohlone Greenway in the El Cerrito Shopping Center. This garage, which is funded with Measure C funds, will have 400 parking spaces reserved for BART patrons each weekday.

The City of El Cerrito is currently implementing pedestrian and streetscape improvements on Fairmount Avenue and the Ohlone Greenway, both of which provide pedestrian and bicycle access to El Cerrito Plaza Station. These improvements were identified in the Fairmount Avenue Streetscape Design, which was funded by a grant from the MTC's Transportation for Livable Communities program.

ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS Similar to the El Cerrito del Norte station, the El Cerrito Plaza Station had new carpool program signs installed and a new permit system and marketing campaign launched to increase use of carpool parking spaces. RIDES will assist in promoting this new program at the regional level.

El Cerrito Plaza is one of four stations in the Carpool Demonstration Program, where carpool and midday spaces were combined. If the carpool parking spaces are not filled by 10am, then those spaces can be used by non-carpool drivers.

In addition, 84 additional new bike racks/lockers are scheduled for installation. This station will have new, ADA-compliant platform edge tiles installed, pending the receipt of grant funds.

REINVESTMENT This station had new, energy efficient lighting fixtures and lamps installed throughout the parking lot in 2003 and is scheduled to have them installed within the station itself in 2004. This station also had the parking lot surface rehabilitated in 2003. These projects are part of ongoing station renovation program activities. Included in the parking lot rehabilitation is repair and resurfacing of the lot, as well as the re-striping and renumbering of the stalls, and the replacement of pavement markings with long life thermoplastic markings. Lots are also realigned to maximize space utilization and to support the District's new Long-Term Parking Program.